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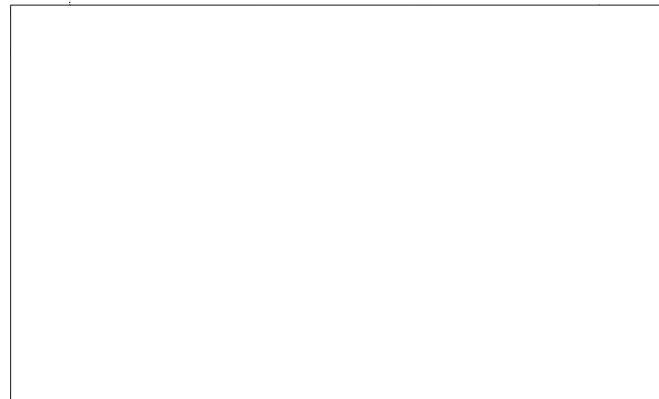
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PHILIPPINES

President Marcos still looks like the winner in next Tuesday's elections. His opponent, Liberal Party Senator Osmena, does not seem to have developed the last-minute head of steam most observers thought was necessary for him to overtake Marcos.

The separately contested vice presidential race, on the other hand, is rated a toss-up. Vice President Lopez, the candidate of Marcos' Nacion-alista Party, has projected considerable appeal as an honest and self-effacing man. The opposition candidate, Senator Magsaysay, has traded to good effect on the fact that he is the younger brother of the late and still much revered President Ramon Magsaysay.

As the incumbent, Marcos has exploited his control of government organizations to the fullest in his pursuit of a second term.

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NOTE

South Vietnam: Communist shellings and attacks fell off considerably overnight.

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Several Communist sappers captured in Saigon yesterday say that they, too, had been ordered to carry out attacks over a five-day period--in their case from 10 to 15 November.

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